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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/598,988	Applicant(s) NEWTON ET AL.	
	Examiner ROBERT B. MCADAMS	Art Unit 2456	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 July 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 July 2008 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the amendment filed on 02 July 2008.
2. Claims 1-10 are pending.

Response to Amendment

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to **Claims 1-10** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
4. Examiners objection to the drawings and 35 U.S.C 101 rejection in regards to **Claims 6 and 9** have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. **Claims 1-10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yanosy* (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0204073 A1) in view of *Johnson et al* (U.S. Pub No. 2002/0161934 A1).

As to **Claims 1 and 6-8**, *Yanosy* discloses a method of providing data storage for a user device (**Mobile device 10; Figure 1**) comprising providing an application interface (**Virtual Operating System 104; Figure 2**) which enables access to a virtual

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local storage by an application running on the user device (**Application 103; Figure 2**) by processing a request from the application to store auxiliary data associated with the application in the virtual local storage, and, when a storage request is received, having the auxiliary data stored on the remote server via the network (**Application 103 makes a request to store auxiliary data (Step 1001, Figure 11; Paragraph 0030). VOS 104 receives a request from Application 103 for Shareable Resources 122 or “virtual storage” and enables said virtual resources on the mobile device for storage of said data (Step 1002-1004, Figure 11; Paragraphs 0031-0034).**

However, *Yanosy* does not expressly disclose initiating a socket connection between a user device and a remote server.

Johnson, in the same field of endeavor, teaches **using socket connections between a user device, Host Systems, and a remote server, Server connected to Storage Devices. Paragraphs 0056-0057).**

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine creating socket connections between the user device and server as taught by *Johnson* with the data storage system of *Yanosy*. The motivation would have been to provide communications between the server and client on an IP based network.

As to **Claims 2 and 5**, *Yanosy-Johnson* further discloses wherein having the auxiliary data stored includes storing a user identification (**Paragraph 0030**).

As to **Claims 4 and 9**, *Yanosy* discloses a method of storing auxiliary data from at least one user on a remote server that is connectable to a user device via a network for providing storage for the user device comprising initiating a connection by a storage application in the user device in response to a request for access to a virtual local storage by an application running on the user device to store auxiliary data associated with the application in the virtual local storage, receiving, via the network, requests for storing auxiliary data from the application running in the user device, and when a storage request is received, storing the auxiliary data on the remote server (**Application 103 makes a request to store auxiliary data (Step 1001, Figure 11; Paragraph 0030). VOS 104 receives a request from Application 103 for Shareable Resources 122 or “virtual storage” and enables said virtual resources on the mobile device for storage of said data (Step 1002-1004, Figure 11; Paragraphs 0031-0034).**

However, *Yanosy* does not expressly disclose the connection between the storage application and a remote server being a socket connection.

Johnson, in the same field of endeavor, teaches **using socket connections between an application programming interface in a user device, and a remote server. Paragraphs 0044 and 0056-0057).**

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine creating socket connections between the user device and server as taught by *Johnson* with the data storage system of *Yanosy*. The motivation would

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have been to provide communications between the server and client on an IP based network.

As to **Claim 10**, *Yanosy-Johnson* further discloses computer program instructions that are executable by the processor to generate and transmit at least one stream of real-time information (**Figure 2; Paragraph 0024**).

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT B. MCADAMS whose telephone number is

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(571)270-3309. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571-272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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